

# 2025 State of Discipleship

## Engaging the Bible™

A SURVEY OF AMERICAN PROTESTANT CHURCHGOERS

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# Methodology

- The online survey of 2,130 Protestant churchgoers was conducted March 19–26, 2025 using a national pre-recruited panel
- Respondents were screened to include those who identified as Protestant/non-denominational and attend religious services at least once a month
- Respondents could complete the survey in English or Spanish
- Quotas and slight weights were used to balance gender, age, region, ethnicity, education, and denominational affiliation
- The completed sample is 2,130 surveys
- The sample provides 95% confidence that the sampling error from the panel does not exceed ±2.21% This margin of error accounts for the effect of weighting
- Margins of error are higher in sub-groups

# Signpost I – Engaging the Bible

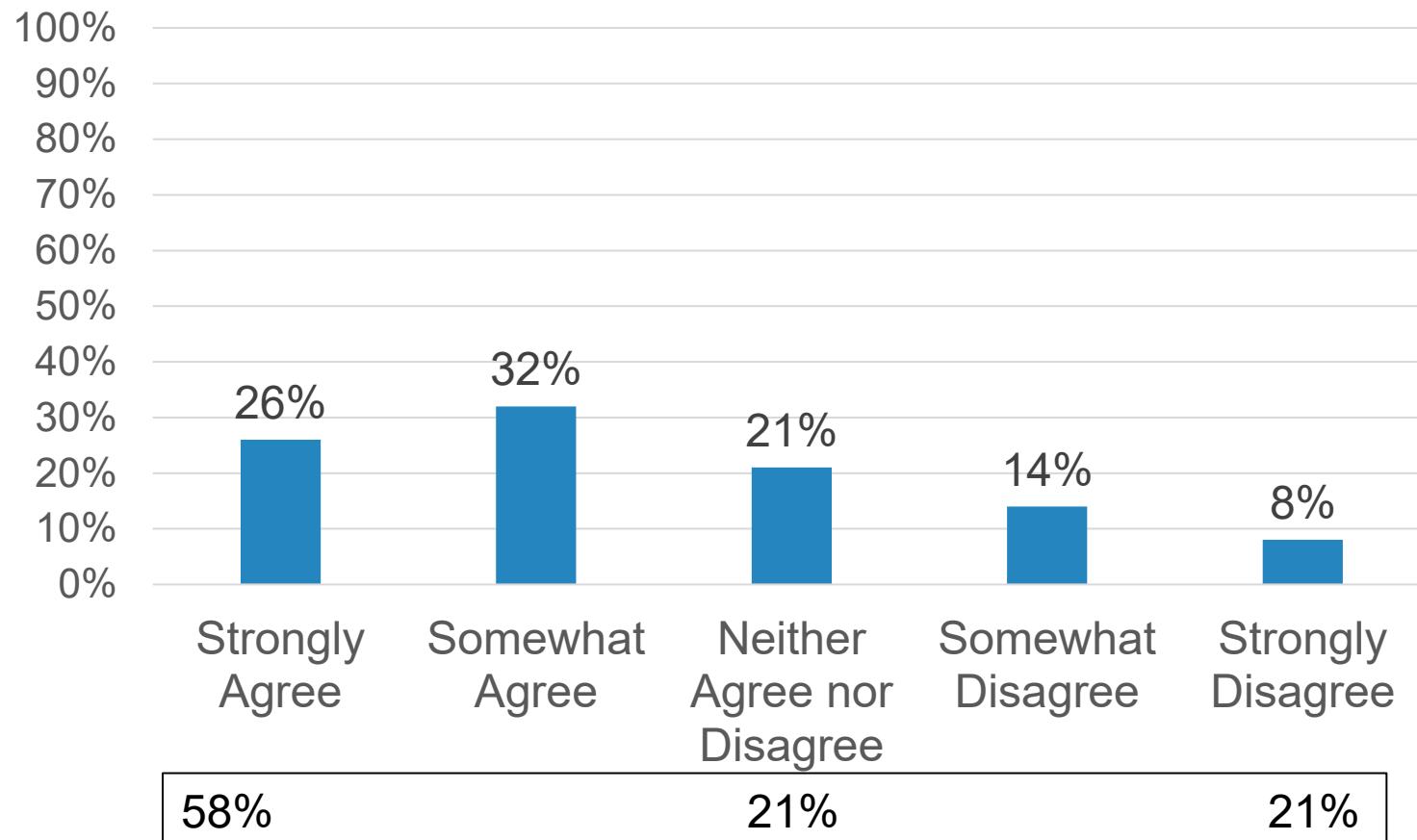
Engaging the Bible is one of eight signposts in the Disciples Path. These five questions form a validated scale\*. Together they reliably measure an individual or a group's progress in engaging the Bible.

This report describes the beliefs, desires, and actions of Protestant churchgoers in the United States around engaging the Bible. On a scale of 0 to 100, the average churchgoer scores 69.8 on Engaging the Bible, placing it fifth among the signposts.

\*The Engaging the Bible™ scale is a proprietary measurement tool and is not to be used without prior permission from Lifeway Christian Resources.

# **“If I go several days without reading the Bible, I find myself unfulfilled”**

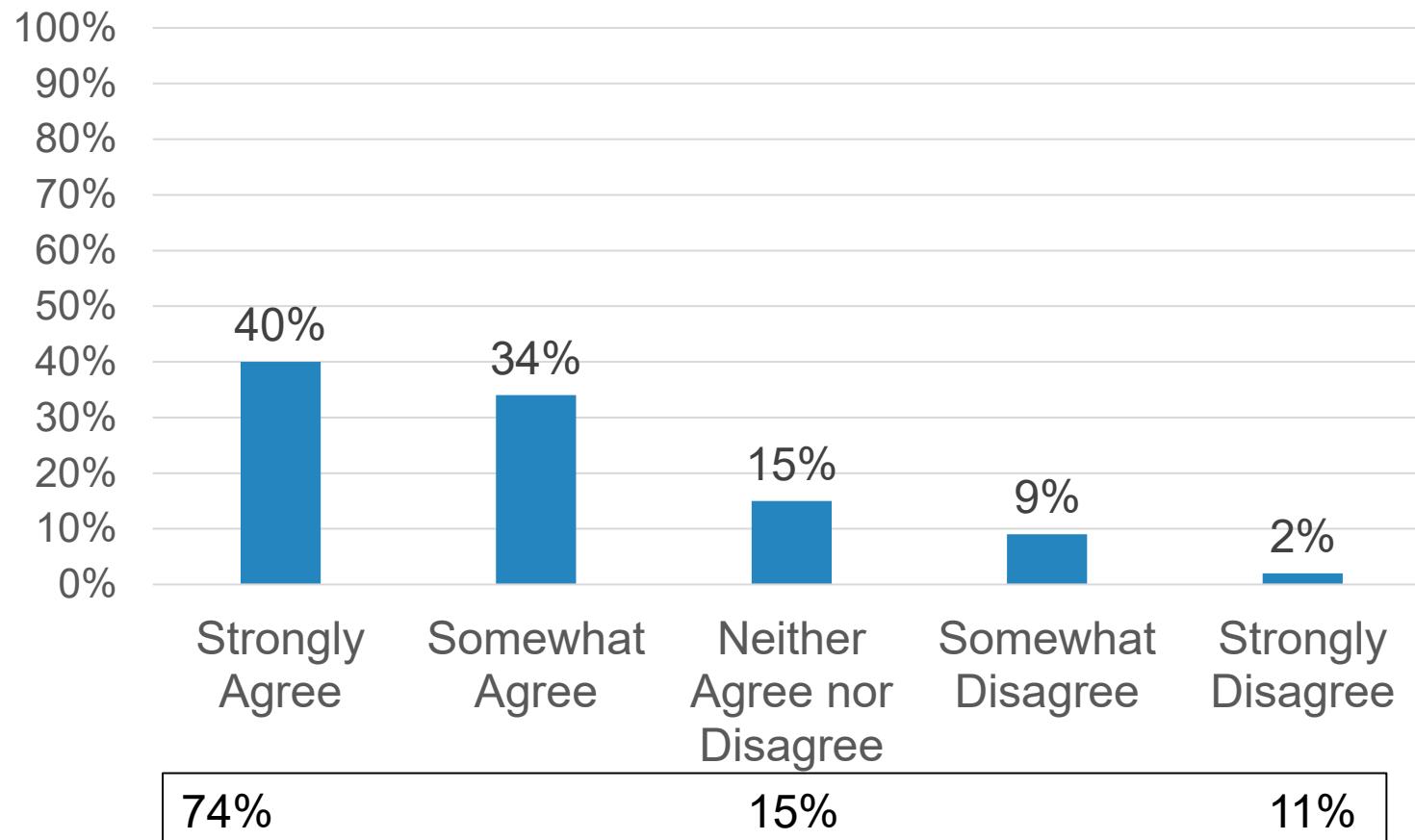
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# “The Bible has authority over every area of my life”

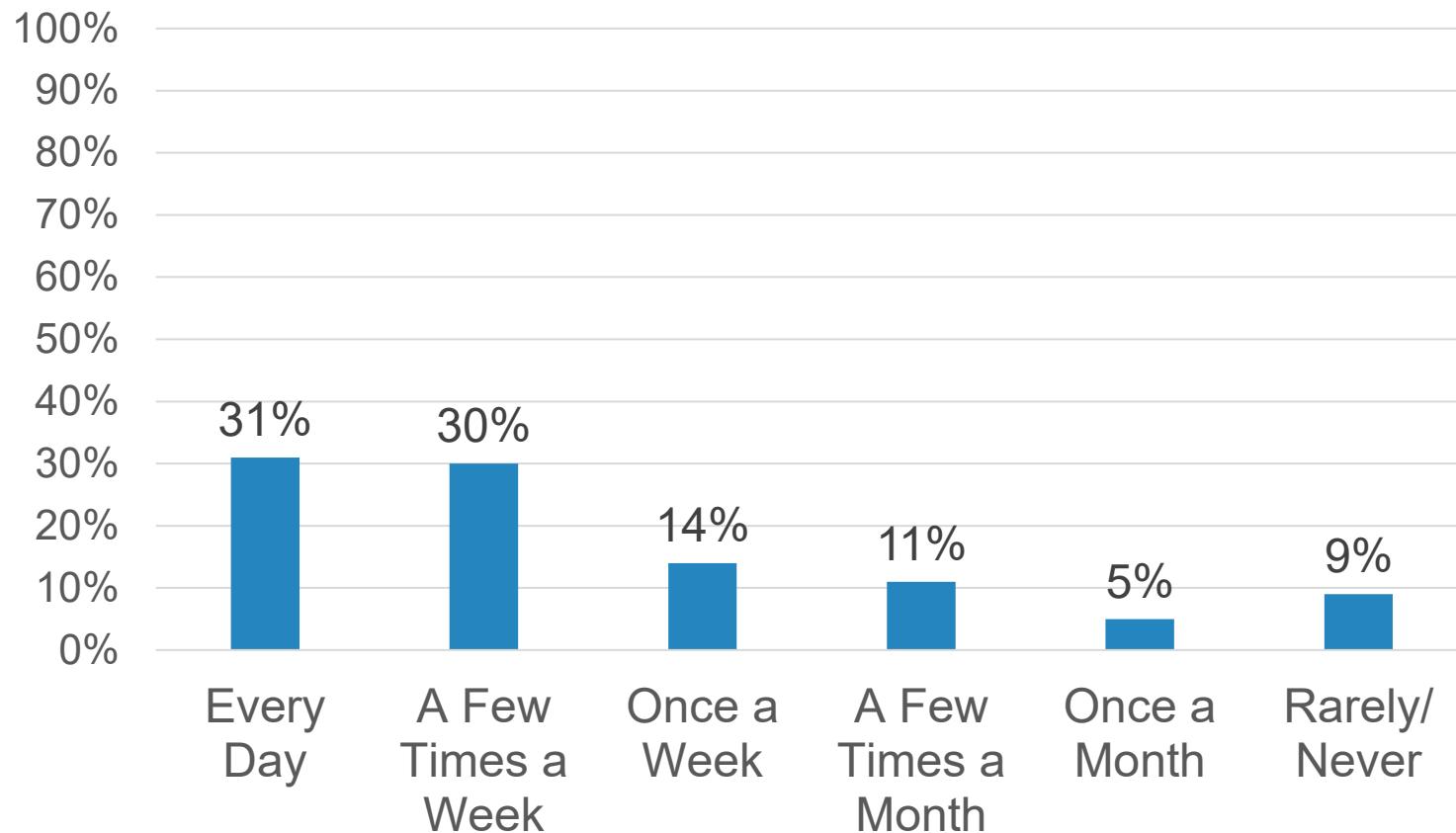
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# About how often do you personally: “Read the Bible”

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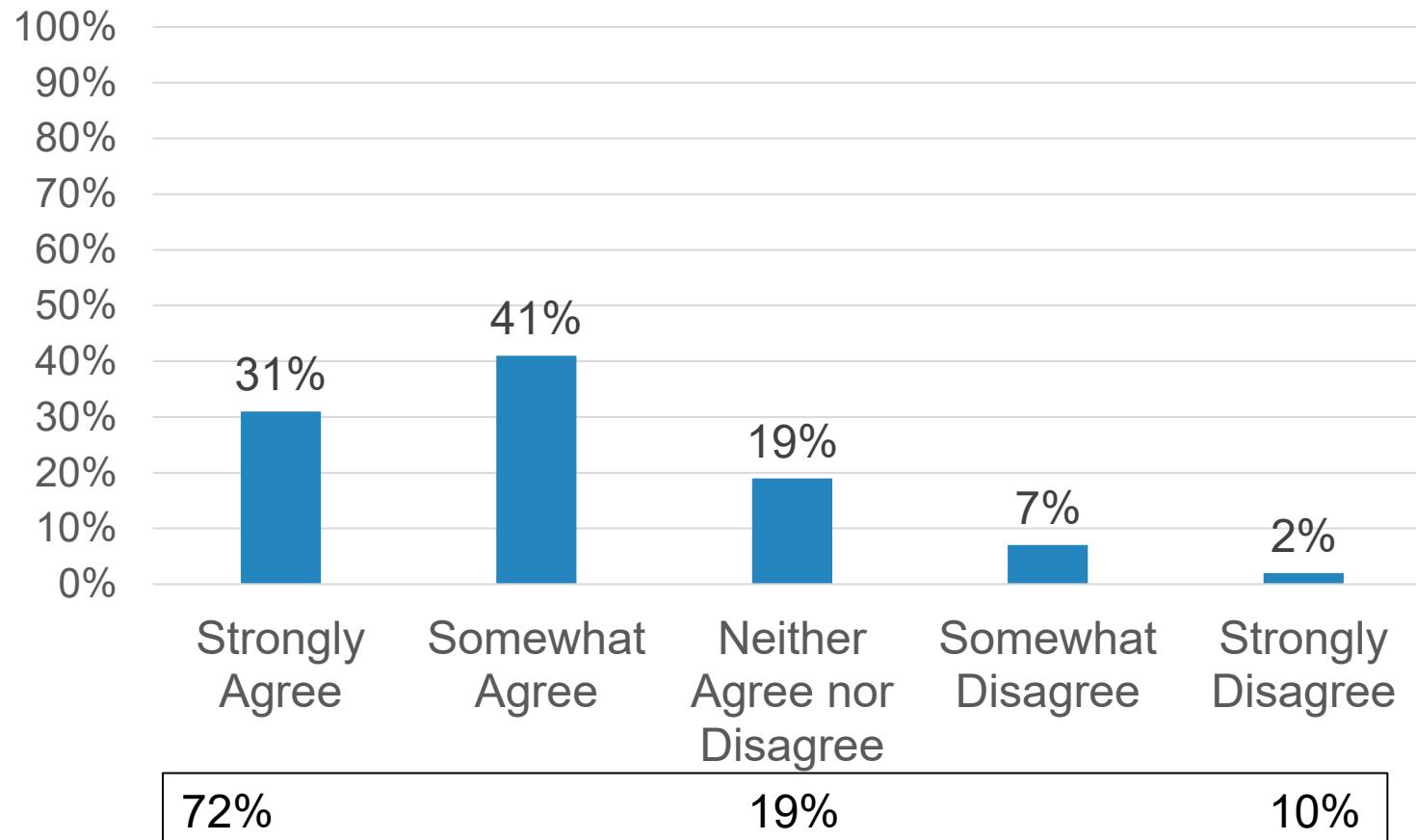


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Q33\_1: “About how often, if at all, do you personally do each of the following activities? Do not include any times you do these things as part of a church worship service. **Read the Bible**” n=2,130

# “Throughout the day I find myself thinking about biblical truths”

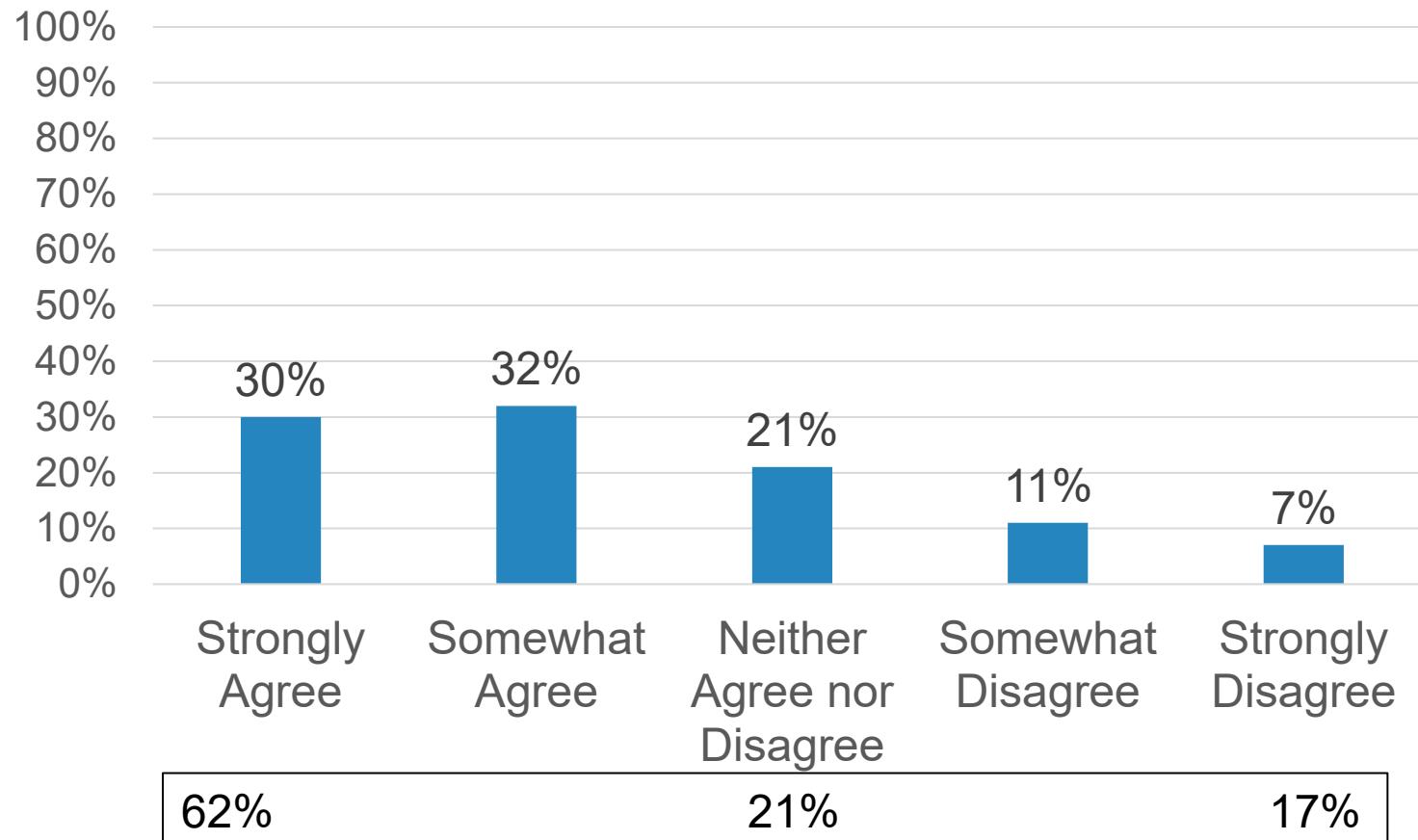
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# **“If I go several days without reading the Bible I desperately miss the time with God”**

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